GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cotton in the cotton production countries of the world is 550 kg per hectare, while in India, it is approximately 260 kilograms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the production per hectare of cotton in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. It is true that the average productivity of cotton in the world is higher than the productivity of cotton in India.

(b): The comparative statement of cotton productivity of world average and India during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is as under:

(kg lint/ha.)

	1999-2000	2000-01
World	554	572
India	225	190

(c): With the objective of improving the production, productivity and quality of cotton in the country, the Mini Mission-II under Technology Mission on Cotton is being implemented in 13 cotton growing states of the country. Under Mini Mission II, assistance is being provided for the transfer of improved technologies through field and IPM demonstrations, training of extensionpersonnel and farmers as well as assistance for supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers, sprinkler / drip irrigation systems, pheromone traps, bio-agents etc. Besides assistance is also provided to States for establishment of bio-agent production units, seed-delinting plants and surveillance of disease and pests.